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1. CIVIL AVIATION OFFICER CALLED ON DGCA RABEN 7 SEPT AND DISCUSSED UPCOMING CAB STATEMENTS, EMPHASIZING BOARD'S OBJECTIVE TO FORESTALL CONFRONTATIONS WHICH WOULD BE DAMAGING TO INTERESTS OF ALL CONCERNED. GIST OF STATEMENTS CONTAINED STATE 178597 ALSO TELEPHONED TO CIVILAIR STAFF 10 SEPT AND COPIES WILL BE TRANSMITTED WHEN RECEIVED. RABEN'S COMMENTS 7 SEPT SUMMARIZED AS FOLLOWS:

A. ADVANCE NOTICE HIGHLY APPRECIATED.

B. REAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN CAB'S TRYING TO IMPOSE ITS VIEWS ON REST OF CIVAIR COMMUNITY AND TRYING TO FORESTALL UNPLEASANT CONFRONTATION IS WELL UNDERSTOOD BUT THE EFFECT IN THIS CASE IS ABOUT THE SAME.

C. EUROPEAN AVIATION AUTHORITIES HAVE UNUSUAL DIFFICULTY IN DEALING WITH USG OWING TO UNPREDICTABLE EFFECTS COURT ACTIONS MAY HAVE ON U.S. INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS AND IMPOSSIBILITY OF INVOLVING COURTS IN NEGOTIATIONS OR AGREEMENTS.

D. IATA, IN ITS PONDEROUS WAY, IS CONDUCTING STUDIES WHICH SHOULD EVENTUALLY LEAD TO NEW INITIATIVES IN RATES FILED BENEFICIAL IN GENERAL AND ACCEPTABLE TO USG, BUT STUDIES NOT ADVANCED TO POINT WHERE THEY MIGHT INFLUENCE PRESENT IATA NEGOTIATIONS. THEREFORE THERE IS GENERAL VIEW AMONG EUROPEAN AUTHORITIES THAT THERE IS LITTLE HOPE FOR IATA AGREEMENT ON NEW TRANSATLANTIC PACKAGE 1974 AND ESSENTIAL CONTINUATION OF STATUS QUO WILL BE NECESSARY.

E. NOW IS OPPORTUNE TIME FOR INFORMAL TALKS LEADING TO CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE EACH PARTY STANDS. RABEN INDICATED HE WAS INFORMED THAT DEEGAN AND MAYBE ANOTHER CAB STAFF MEMBER WOULD ATTEND ECAC NORTH ATLANTIC RATES SEMINAR IN PARIS THIS WEEK. GROUP DISCUSSION OF VIEWS WITH THEM WOULD BE MOST HELPFUL.

F. IF GROUP TALKS IMPOSSIBLE, THE SOONER BILATERAL TALKS COULD BE ARRANGED THE BETTER. FOR GOVTS TO TAKE CAB VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT AND THEN HAVE ANY INFLUENCE IN CURRENT IATA NEGOTIATIONS, TALKS SHOULD BE HELD IN SEPT. VAN ALPHEN OF CIVILAIR STAFF (WHO WAS PRESENT DURING CALL) WILL BE AVAILABLE DURING WEEK OF SEPT 17

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